

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of DENNIS-JOHN ELWIN WILDE,  
Minor.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

CLEVELAND ELWIN WILDE,

Respondent-Appellant.

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June 7, 2007

No. 274052

Muskegon Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 06-035292-NA

Before: White, P.J., and Saad and Murray, JJ.

WHITE, P.J. (*dissenting.*)

I respectfully dissent. Although there were grounds for terminating respondent's parental rights, I conclude that termination was premature. This is an uncommon situation in that the rights of the child's mother (respondent's wife) have not been terminated, and the child remains in his mother's care. Respondent's psychologist testified that respondent was benefiting from therapy and, rather than having his parental rights terminated, he should be given the opportunity to benefit from additional treatment of six months to a year, after which he would be reevaluated regarding his ability to parent. Respondent's wife opposed termination of respondent's parental rights. No detriment to the child would result in waiting for respondent to undergo further therapy, as the child will be in his mother's care in any event.

/s/ Helene N. White